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THE NOOSE.It Tightens About Three
Pennsylvania Murder-
ers To-Day.

TWO HANG ON ONE GALLOWS.

One Wretch, at Bellefonte, Breaks
the Fatal Rope.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—Jacob S. Schoon and Thomas J. Cole, murderers, were hanged on the same gallows, in Moyamensing Prison, the drop falling at 10.01.

Both men had become very devout during the last few days, Schoon embracing



JACOB S. SCHOON. THOMAS J. COLE.

the Lutheran faith and Cole that of the Catholic Church, and clergymen of both creeds attended them at the last.

The scaffold was erected near the centre of the male convict corridor, and the condemned men were taken directly thither from cells close at hand.

The corridor was opened at 10 o'clock to the officials and the jurymen, who were to witness the execution, Acting Supt. Richardson being in charge of all the preparations.

Schoon shuffled out of his cell with his head down, taking notice of nothing. Cole was pale, but assumed a jaunty air as he stepped out of his cell.

Both men underwent coolly the process of donning.

When all was ready, the black caps were drawn, the drop was sprung and the two murderers were launched quickly and apparently painlessly into eternity.

The bodies were cut down half an hour after the drop fell.

Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 20.—W. Seely Hopkins, murderer of two defenseless women, was hanged here this morning. The day broke raw and cloudy, and the ground was covered with slushy weather nor the prospect of speedy

death had any apparent effect upon the doomed man's spirits or his appetite.

He slept soundly during part of the night.

He ate an early breakfast of toast and eggs, and at about 9.30 indulged in a hearty lunch of turkey.

He was then taken to the gallows, where he was executed by hanging.

Several of Hopkins's relatives were with him during the morning. They were prepared to take the body to Rochester, N. Y., where the murderer formerly lived.

Two clergymen attended Hopkins in his cell, performing their last offices before the hour for the execution, and the condemned man sang a couple of hymns in a firm voice.

Hopkins was conducted to the gallows at 10.01. He stepped steadily to the end of the scaffold and said clearly, without a tremor: "Good-by, kind friends, I leave this world without an enemy."

At 10.15 the drop was sprung, and immediately a cry of horror arose, as the rope broke under the sudden strain.

Hopkins must have been rendered insensible, however, for there was only a slight quivering of the body as he was jerked up.

Several men held him under the gallows, and at 10.35 the drop took place.

Hopkins was pronounced dead at 10.35 and cut down two minutes later.

The Sheriff, his deputies, the jury and the two clergymen witnessed the unfortunate affair.

Crimes of the Men.

Jacob S. Schoon was a baker in Philadelphia. On Christmas morning, 1888, he killed his assistant, Anton Schilling, and after slaying his victim with a knife and saw, before the body was cold, or life entirely extinct, cut the body up and placing it in two sacks, took it the following morning to the East Park, and hid it in the city water pipe.

The object of the murderer was to secure about \$500 which Schilling had saved.

His wife, who was supposed to be implicated in the murder, shortly afterwards became a ravine mad, and was sent to the insane asylum where she is still confined.

Thomas J. Cole's crime was committed on July 5, 1888.

He had been rooming with a young man by the name of Walter McMillan, at 108

Rutter street. On the evening of the day in question the two had some hot words, and after McMillan had gone to bed and to sleep Cole had a hatchet and a slipper, and entered the room and dealt him a number of savage blows on the head with the hatchet.

After making sure of his work he washed the blood from the hatchet and hid it in an omnibus.

He then left the house, but was captured a few days later when he made full confession. He was convicted of murder in the first degree on Oct. 5, 1888.

W. Seely Hopkins murdered his wife and her mother at Philadelphia, Pa., Sunday, Sept. 22, 1889.

A few months later, and canopies jealousy, the neighbors said, led to the murder.

Hopkins came to Philadelphia from Rochester, N. Y., and had been married about two years.

He left home after a quarrel, but walked back the night before the murder, and after spending the rest of the night in the cellar of his upstairs, shot his wife, who was washing dishes, and then, going up another flight, killed his mother-in-law.

Two shots left in his revolver he used in an unsuccessful attempt at suicide.

WIDOW HASSETT'S ALIBI.

Witnesses Who Did Not See Her
in Lawyer Keeler's Company.

Widow Hassett and four female friends sat facing a large and interested audience when Judge Truax took his seat in Part II of the Superior Court this morning.

Mrs. Keeler, the pretty, black-eyed little plaintiff, who is suing the widow for \$50,000 damages for alienating the affections of her husband, Lawyer William A. Keeler, came in later alone, looking as determined and resolute as ever.

The first witness called this morning by Lawyer Palmer for the defense was Isaac N. Cox, who has an office next to that of Lawyer Keeler, at 355 Broadway.

He said he had examined the windows in Mr. Keeler's private office, where other witnesses had testified that there had been some queer goings on between Mr. Keeler and the defendant. There were no curtains on the windows and never had been.

Night Clerk Mitchell, of the Park Hotel, Newark, was shown a page from the hotel register of the date of Oct. 15, 1888, which bore the name of "William A. Keeler and wife."

"Do you know Mr. Keeler?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you see the lady with him?"

"Yes, she was a lady from Newark whom I did not then know."

"She was not either the plaintiff or defendant in this action?" pointing out the two women.

"No, sir, she was not. She lives in Newark."

On cross-examination by Lawyer Henson, witness said that Mrs. Hassett had afterwards come to the Park Hotel and made inquiries about Mr. Keeler's visit to the date of Oct. 15. She looked at the register and asked a good many questions.

The witness said he had never since seen Mr. Keeler in company with the woman, who was his companion on that occasion.

The witness, James J. Kearns, of the Manhattan Flat, swore that he had seen Mrs. Hassett call there frequently while the case was pending, and that he had given her instructions to allow no females to register under any circumstances.

A power of attorney, authorizing William A. Keeler to draw out \$1,000 deposited in the Emigrant Savings Bank to the credit of Thomas J. Kearns, was shown to Mr. Kearns, who was called as a witness.

Kearns said he had employed Keeler as his attorney in settling up an estate, and that he had never executed the power of attorney, although his name appeared upon it. It was a forgery. He had given Keeler his bank book.

Freeman James J. Kearns, a brother of the preceding witness, told how Keeler had drawn money belonging to him, he having given him bank-book into Keeler's charge. He had looked for Keeler, but could not find him, and he had left town. He had never received Keeler's money.

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CUE EXPERTS MEET TO-NIGHT.

The Great Billiard Tournament
Opens at Chickering Hall.Scheffer and Slosson Give Their Op-
ponents a Big Handicap.

Jake Scheffer and J. Randolph Heiser will formally open, at Chickering Hall, this evening the most remarkable hand-icap billiard tournament in the history of that exhilarating game.

The tournament will continue each evening to March 1, and there will be afternoon or matinee games on to-morrow, Tuesday and other days.

The contestants will include not only the "Little Wizard," as Scheffer is called, but George Franklin Slosson, the expert of brainwork billiards.

Besides these two giants of the cue, Frank C. Tree, the "boy wonder," William H. Catton, John Randolph Heiser and Maurice Daly will compete.

Slosson and Scheffer must work on a line 14 inches from the cushion, while the other four contestants play the balls back and forth over an 8-inch balk line, and it is believed that this makes the game about "even up."

Slosson and Scheffer are absolutely different in style of play, and in twenty-nine bouts at various styles of balk-line game between them Slosson has won the odd game only.

The importance of this measure, the public attention which it has attracted and the prolonged struggle to render appropriate a statement of the questions involved, entrance fees of \$200 each, and this sum will be divided among the winners in a ratio of 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent. to the four losers, while the six will divide the two receipts equally.

Ever since the old American game of billiards, with pockets in the table, four balls, kick shot, shoves and push shots was discarded in 1863 for the "French carom" game on a table without pockets, and in which only three balls were used, the tendency has been to make the game more difficult.

Experts soon learned to run a string out too easily in the straight-carom game. John McNeill ran 1,883 points in his contest with William Goldthwaite at Cooper Union that year, and against Joe Dion at Livery Hall, Chicago, he counted 1,428 points.

At a tournament at Irving Hall in June, 1873, the balk-line was introduced, and it consisted of a square, 4 1/2 inches across at each corner, to prohibit "crocheting."

The next year at Tammany Hall the balk line was altered. It became a straight line drawn across the cloth from rail to rail, 3 1/2 inches from the corner of the table. Vignaux, of Paris, won at this tournament.

In 1875 the balk line was diagonally across the table from the corner of the table, 14 inches from the corner on the end rail and 28 inches from the corner on the side rail.

These lines were extended in 1884 to 18 1/2 inches; in 1885, to 20 1/2, and afterwards to 25 1/2 inches.

But the experts entered the new difficulties and worked the little space they had quite handily. Then came the balk line, which fenced off all the rail and forced the player to do his rail nursing by long-distance telephone.

Slosson has made an average of 45 at the 14-inch line in practice, and high runs of 200.

JUMPED OVERBOARD AT SEA.

Dramatic Suicide of a Female Pas-
senger on the Bohemia.

The steamship Bohemia, of the Hamburg-American Packet Company, arrived here to-day from Hamburg. Capt. Leitner reports that last Saturday one of the female passengers jumped overboard and was lost.

She was a comely brunette, from Berlin, about thirty years old, and was not accompanied by any friends.

The passengers noticed that she was constantly crying, and that she was very nervous, but she did not take any one into her confidence.

About 11 o'clock in the morning she suddenly jumped up, and before any one could reach her she was overboard.

Her body was not recovered, nor could her name be found out at the company's office.

CONVENT AND CHURCH BURNED.

A \$75,000 Fire at Greenbush—No
One Was Injured.

THOR, Feb. 20.—St. John's Catholic Church and the Sisters' Convent at Greenbush are burning.

No details are yet received here concerning the fire or its origin.

Lafayette, N. Y., Feb. 20.—A fire at Greenbush is \$75,000; insurance, \$12,000. No one was injured.

FIVE BURNED TO DEATH.

A Longshoreman's Wife and Child-
ren Perish Painfully.

KINGSTON, Ont., Feb. 20.—Longshoreman Liston's house on Zagot street was burned to the ground this morning.

His wife and four children were burned to death.

THREE OF THEM TO HANG.

And Fourteen Other Navvies Rot-
ters Go to Albany Penitentiary.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 20.—George S. Key, Henry Jones and Edward Smith, Navvies, convicted of murder, were sentenced this morning to be hanged March 28.

Northern other men, convicted of manslaughter, were sentenced to terms of from two to ten years.

THE ANTI-BRIBERY BILL.

It Passed the State Senate Without
a Dissenting Vote.

ALBANY, Feb. 20.—The Albany Anti-Bribery bill passed the Senate to-day—yeas, 24; nays, none.

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